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**Vici Dressing and Vici Polish** were made by Mr. Robert H. Foerderer, to place with wearers of his shoes, a preservative and dresser perfectly suited for the purpose.

**M. O'NEIL & CO.****COMBINE****Of Sewer Pipe Plants Is  
Now Assured.**

That is the information sent out from New York City.

It was learned Wednesday that the long delayed combine of sewer pipe manufacturers had not been abandoned.

Negotiations have been progressing slowly but surely. It is now said that the combine is an assured thing. Advances have been received from New York, to the effect that the deal will be closed on or before January 2.

**PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.**

Minor J. Allen is in Chicago on business.

Hon. C. P. Humphrey is in Chicago this week.

The Colonial pedro club will meet next Friday evening at the home of Augusta Jahant, 807 W. Center st.

B. G. Work went to St. Louis Tuesday on business.

C. A. Winteringer, G.P.A. of the Pennsylvania and C. A. & C. lines was in the city Wednesday.

Samuel Sherman of the W. & L. E. Ry. was in Akron Wednesday.

W. R. Hawkins of Barberton left Wednesday for New York.

Mrs. Frank O. Weary of 915 East Market st. is visiting friends in Chicago.

George Phillips has returned from South Dakota for the holidays.

**First of Series.**

One hundred couples couples attended the dance given at Millant hall Tuesday night by the LaVander club. The dance was the first of a series of six to be given by the club. Music was furnished by Barron's orchestra. Committee on arrangements, Frank Herbst, Edward Roan, Chas. Gheen, Ray Pontius and Walter Young.

**L. O. T. M. Dance.**

Busy Bee Hive, L.O.T.M. gave a very pleasant dance at McPherson hall Tuesday evening. The event was well attended. Music was furnished by Mustill's orchestra. Committee on arrangements, Mrs. Aggie McMillen, chairman; Mrs. W. S. McFarland, Mrs. M. K. Martin, Mrs. Inez Koller, Mrs. Elizabeth Reis, Mrs. Fred F. Augst, Mrs. John Hoy, Mrs. Mary Eberhard, Mrs. Dorothy Fritz and Mrs. Josephine Tyler. Besides dancing, progressive whist was a prominent feature. First prize, a bottle of perfume, was awarded Miss Lulu M. Strook and consolation prize to Lawrence Johnson.

**Attention, G. A. R.**

The members of Buckley Post will assemble at Grand Army hall on Friday, 21st inst., at 1:30 p.m., to attend the funeral of our late comrade, George W. Smetts, at his late residence, 807 1/2 Bowery st. By order of Newell Chalker, Commander.

**Police Court.**

James Elin and Wm. Murphy, intoxication, each \$2 and costs. Vagrancy—Edward Mack, five days and costs; Wm. Roch and Dan Gerdlstone, discharged.

**BIRTHS.**

POULES—Dec. 18, to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Poules, 702 Barges st., a son.

VENNEL—Dec. 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Vennell, 131 North Forge st., a son.

**The Oldest in Ohio.**

I will open for the holiday trade: 20-year-old Hermitage, 20-year-old McBrayer, 20-year-old Tea Kettle, 20-year-old Golden Wedding.

M. J. Murphy, 177 S. Howard st.

**Notice.**

Attention A. Lincoln Command, No. 1, U.V.U., all comrades are requested to meet at their hall, 142 S. Howard st., at 1 p.m., Friday, Dec. 22, to attend the funeral of Comrade G. W. Smetts, at 2 p.m. at house. By order of colonel.

ANDREW HART, Col.

**MARKSMEN**

From This City

Will Enter Tournament  
In Hamilton, Canada.

Ruhlin Stopped Conroy  
In Seven Rounds.

Chas Morton Has Had Offers  
For Next Season.

Tommy White Has No Kick Coming—  
Sporting News.

Secretary C. A. Williams, of the Akron Rod and Gun club, has received from the Hamilton Gun club, of Hamilton, Canada, an invitation to send a competing team to his tenth annual tournament to be held January 16, 17, 18 and 19.

A prominent member of the Akron club said to a reporter for the DEMOCRAT Tuesday that in all probability a team would be sent from Akron. The club has some good marksmen, and they'll not return singing about "The prizes we left behind."

Will Return.

Charles Morton, one of the best known managers in the base ball business, informed a DEMOCRAT reporter Monday that he had received offers from several clubs for the season of 1900. He has practically decided to retire from the business. Mr. Morton has interests in Akron that demand his attention.

Motz Will Return.

Frank Motz will return to Indianapolis next year. The change in the management at that city will not effect him in any way.

Little to Grumble About.

When White returned to Chicago after his go with Artie Simms in this city he told many weird tales of the shameful manner in which he was treated here says the Cleveland World. He has little to grumble about, however, for he let the cat out of the bag when he confessed that he was holding himself in to be in good condition for his fight with "Kid" Broad. He claims that he was so sure of winning that he was lying low throughout the contest. If that is the case, he received just what he deserved in the way of a decision. A fighter is supposed to do his best at all times and it is no credit to the Windy City boy for having fought the battle he did, which was a very tame affair throughout.

Wright Has Signed.

Gene Wright, of Barberton, has signed with New Castle for next year. He is a first-class all-round man.

Norka vs. Columbia.

The Norka and Columbia bowling teams met in contest at the Brunswick alleys Monday night. Three games were played, and the Columbia was victor, winning the first game by 71 pins. In the second game the Norka won with 36 pins; the Norka also won the third game with 1 pin. A return game will be played soon.

Practice.

The Capron & Curtice club bowled a practice game at Berroddin's Monday night. The Standard club bowled last night and the policemen will bowl to-night.

Ruhlin Stopped Conroy.

Stockings Conroy, of Troy, N. Y., the heaviest man in the pugilistic business, was stopped in the seventh round by Gus Ruhlin, Tuesday night. This is the first time that Conroy has ever failed to stay the limit. The men were scheduled to fight twenty rounds, under the auspices of the Broadway Athletic club of New York. Ruhlin was a 100 to 40 favorite. Conroy was game, taking Ruhlin's fearful punches without showing any inclination to quit. During the first six rounds the Akron giant landed repeatedly on Conroy's face, closing his right eye in the fifth. The seventh and last round was the hottest of the fight.

Conroy rushed and landed a right swing for the ribs. Gus returned with a left on the face and put left and right on face twice. Gus then put left on the stomach, Conroy countering on the face. Ruhlin sent his right to the jaw, following quickly with left to wind and right and left to the face. He repeated the latter blows and with a right cross on the ear put Conroy down on one knee. Conroy took the count, but went down again from a left and right on the head and a terrific right under the heart. The Troy man regained his feet, but was staggering and Referee White stopped the bout, awarding the verdict to Ruhlin. Time of round 3:18. Ruhlin will now be matched to fight the winner of the Maher-McCoy contest.

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<b>Lamps</b> All styles from 25 cents to Twenty dollars.	<b>Dinner Sets</b> Moderate in price, Elegant in design. American ware, 100 pieces, \$6.50 English Porcelain, 100 pieces, \$8.00	<b>Tollet Sets</b> The latest designs decorated in porcelain 10 pieces.....\$2.00 12 pieces..... 3.25	<b>China Plates</b> We have enough in stock to supply the city. Prices from 10 cents each to \$6.00 each.
<b>China Cups and Saucers</b> For Tea, Coffee, Chocolate, Cocoa. Good ones..... 10c Better ones..... 25c Very artistic ones..... 50c	<b>Salad and Fruit Dishes</b> Bright attractive designs, always useful. Very good ones..... 25c Fine china..... 50c The best..... \$1.00	<b>Celery Trays</b> New and beautiful, up to date. A handsome gift for any housekeeper.	<b>Bohemian Bowls</b> A new style with crimped edges; will please anybody. Bright ruby glass only a dollar.
<b>Silverware</b> We sell Rogers' best quality goods. Every piece fully guaranteed.	<b>Vases</b> Immense variety of foreign and domestic glass from 10 cents to ten dollars.	<b>Jardiniers</b> The new kind, Onyx body, full gold \$1.00. Very large ones, dark blue and gold, \$1.25 to \$1.75.	<b>Miscellaneous</b> Line of Olive Dishes, Pickles, Card Trays, Cracker Jars, Gas Fixtures, Globes, Nappies, Jugs, Bowls, Etc., Etc., Etc.

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Be a Great Lesson.

It Is Difficult Matter to Determine

Just What H. B. Kindig Is Driving at.

Hypnotism Forms Basis For His Complaint.

Asks For Arrest of One Richard Webster.

Mayor Young's corps of unique correspondents grows larger each day. The one following is a sample, and while it may contain a great lesson for young and old, it is difficult to determine whether it is a scientific report on hypnotism or merely an informal complaint. It is the second letter written by the correspondent to Mr. Young, and is: "Blake, O., Dec. 15, 1899.

"Mayor Young,

"Akron, Ohio.

"Dear Sir—The complaint which I have made to you respecting

"Hypnotism—

"A clipping has been handed to me, which shows that it has been published with an error in the date which is when correct—1888.

"The error is the effect of Subjective Volition, as when a Man has his consciousness and can effect Volition, and makes attempt to do any act—and centers his mind on what he wishes to do anything, it should be done as his consciousness directs his Will and Volition.

"Now further.

"Have you on your City's lists, either the Registers where the Voters record their Signatures or the Tax, or Census list the Name of.

"Richard Webster if so Arrest— and send notice of same to Me,—and will call and will bring evidence that will hold him for investigation in Court.

"Respectfully, Yours

H. B. KINDIG.

**JOINT**

Installation Will Be Held — Masons

Elect Officers.

Akron Masonic Lodge 837, elected officers Tuesday night as follows:—

W. E. Langdon, worshipful master; T. F. Watters, senior warden; R. B. Wilson, junior warden; W. A. McClellan, treasurer; A. E. Roach, secretary; J. W. Cully, senior deacon; C. S. Eddy, junior deacon; J. J. Hunsicker, tyler. A joint installation will be held December 27 with Adoniram Lodge and Washington Chapter.

Hand Car Found.

The hand car with which the thieves who burglarized Shanafelt's store at Greentown Monday night, hauled away their booty, was found in the creek at Middleburg Tuesday evening. Nothing has yet been heard of the thieves.

**POOR SHOT.**

Bullet Struck Window Instead of Robbers.

An Attempt Made to Enter Residence of John Grubb.

Officer Fred W. Baker reported to Chief of Police Harrison that an attempt was made at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning to break into the residence of Saloonist John Grubb, near Summit lake.

The robbers—two in number—first attempted to break through the door. Their impression was that members of the household were not at home. They made considerable racket. This aroused Mr. Grubb, who arose and got a revolver. He went down stairs, in time to hear the men go to the coal house. There they secured a shovel and with it attempted to hoist a window. Mr. Grubb then fired the revolver, but the ball struck the window sill. The men took fright and ran toward the plant of the Loomis Salt Co.

**Card of Thanks.**

To the members of Court Akron, No. 42, Foresters of America, and of the Royal Arcanum, to the pastors of the Main Street M.E. and the German M. E. churches, and to the singers and friends who so kindly assisted during the illness and death of my beloved husband, I wish to extend my most grateful thanks.

Mrs. FREDERICK HAUCK, 815 East Exchange st.

**CLAIMS TITLE**

To Two Acres of Coventry Real Estate.

Peculiar Story Told by U. H. Buchte of Plymouth, Ind.

Mr. U. H. Buchtel, well known in Akron, but who has been living with his children in Plymouth, Ind., has purchased two acres of land of Samuel B. Haynes, two miles south of the city and will reside here. The land is situated opposite the salt works, across the Ohio canal and is separated from the remainder of Mr. Hayne's farm by the Erie, C. A. & C. and B. & O. railroads.

Mr. Buchtel was in the city Tuesday and told the officials at the Union depot that the land in question is supposed to be owned by the railroad companies but that in reality they have no claim upon it. Mr. Buchtel claims that 48 years ago when the C. A. & C. was first built that the surrounding territory was swamp land. The company bought, as they supposed, all the land between the tracks and the canal off of the property now owned by David King. Mr. Buchtel alleges that two acres really belonged to the farm now owned by Mr. Haynes and that the latter has paid taxes thereon all these years.

Mr. Buchtel now expects to sell the parcel of land to the railroad companies. The week December 19, occurred upon this property.

**CAUTION TO OUR READERS**

In buying the remedy "To Cure a Cold in One Day," BEWARE OF THE LOW PRICES. Many worthless imitations are put up under similar names and are calculated to deceive the public.

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Men's Stiff and Soft Hats \$1.50 up.

Men's Holiday Neckwear—A most complete line in beautiful designs from 25c to \$1.50.

Men's White and Fancy Shirts—Something a man always needs and ever appreciates. The "Emery" Shirt at \$1.00 is our leader.

Men's Holiday Suspenders—Fancy Silk Suspenders, fast colors, at 50c to \$2.50.

Traveling Bags and Suit Cases—Something every man needs. We have them from 45c to \$15.

Men's Umbrellas. Men's Handkerchiefs, in Linen and Silk, from 5c to 75c each.

A fine line of Mufflers from 50c to \$4.50.

Men's Smoking Jackets. We have hundreds of other suitable articles for Xmas. Come in and see them.

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